

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Norwood was called to order May 18th, 2021 by Mayor Timothy Levison. Called to order 6:00pm

Also Present: Trustees:

Kris Nezezon- arrived late  
Matt Tebo  
Glenn Webster  
Mike DiVincenzo  
Village Clerk Nancy Berger  
Dan McGregor DPW  
Brianna Beaulieu Deputy Clerk  
Michelle Garrow- Youth  
Andrea Marotta-Rhodes Attorney  
Fire Chief Harold Loomis  
Shawn Wells OIC

Absent:  
Nick Orologio  
Excused:  
Bill MacIntire

Motion: Tebo/ Webster motion to approve April meeting minutes; Ayes 3 Nays 0.

Motion: Tebo/diVincenzo motion to approve payment of abstract of audited bills. Ayes 3 Nays 0; General A Fund \$42,444.58; Water F Fund \$37,658.65, Sewer G Fund \$13,272.22; TA Fund \$450.55; TOTAL BILLS \$93,826.00

VISITORS: Mr. & Mrs. Seifert came to thank the village for painting the marked parking spots at on Spring Street in front of the Hometown market.

**Treasurer:** Report emailed to out earlier that week.

**Attorney:** Andrea Marotta stated that she had reviewed the LED Light contract and states that she believes that the Village can now move forward with the project. Nancy will start looking into loan options with different local banks. There has been no response from the DEC regarding out return letter for our WWTP Notice of Violation.

**DPW:** Report presented. There have been a few residents to call the shop regarding their sump-pumps and roof drains. The mayor states that CSX has closed the rail crossings on both Whitney Street and Bicknell Street, after being promised that one crossing would remain open at all times in case of emergency. However, when trying to address the situation, the mayor and Dan were given the run around. Dan plans on laying down the flooring that Joe Liotta had purchased for the band shell bathrooms. TTE Nezezon asked about the water test results, Dan stated that they took two tests; first one went well and results are still pending on the second test. The sewer treatment plant is showing increase but that is not uncommon for this time of year.

**Water/Sewer:** See above.

**Police:** Report presented. Two applications were submitted for new hires. One is recently discharged from the army with military police background and the other is a college student that will be graduating in the Fall from SUNY Canton. The Mayor stated that there a lot of kids on bikes and rollerblades without helmets as well as ATVs being ridden inside the Village. OIC Wells stated that he has spoken to the other officers and stated that they would be more vigilant. TTE Tebo mentioned that there have been complaints about people partying in Cavalry cemetery late at night. OIC Wells states that the PD does drive by the cemetery but do not drive in. The Mayor asked what the procedure was for new hires. In the past, hires needed to finish the academy before they became active in the department. OIC Wells states that his intention was to have a new hire perform paper work duties before they have attended the academy. After the meeting, it was later decided by the Mayor that the department will continue to have the new hires finish the academy before becoming an active member due to possible liability concerns. The Department plans to partner with the Michelle Garrow to put together a bike safety day for kids to come down to the beach and learn bike safety.

**Zoning:** Report presented. Bill has been on vacation and will return 5/27.

**Fire Department:** Report presented. The department was quick thinking and parked a fire truck on FD member Jim Grants property, in the event of an emergency on that side the closed railroad tracks. The chicken BBQ was a success and sold out within an hour. No July 3<sup>rd</sup> events this year. There is a parade, demolition derby and fireworks are planned for the Fourth of July. Loot in the Boot and the coin cards will be happening in June and a four-wheeler run planned for August. Chief Loomis states

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that there is a Polaris Ranger side-by-side and skid unit for sale by the Norfolk Fire Department. This could potentially be very helpful with grass fires and getting into wooded areas, where a truck may not be able to go. Chief Loomis asked if the Village would be willing to help with the cost in the event that the department decides to buy the equipment and the Board agreed.

**Youth:** Michelle was present and stated that she has made an online application, with several applications being submitted. Michelle would like to have the beach open for Memorial Day weekend and must follow the same COVID guidelines that were in place last year. Michelle continued, stating that even with New York State lifting some mask mandates for vaccinated individuals, the beach is not included in that and must continue to follow the CDC guidelines. TTE Tebo asked if Norwood applicants took higher priority in hiring and Michelle replied that she will accept all applications, but does take special consideration with Norwood applicants as well as applicants that are over the age of 21. Michelle is planning on having a Touch-a-truck event at the beach, as well as a car show and a duathlon. Several school groups and private groups have reached out to come to the beach. Michelle would also like to have a July 3<sup>rd</sup> event with the Library doing a story time walk and family tie-dye day. In August, Michelle is planning a Kids day, and was looking to have it the same weekend as the Paddle Run scheduled for the second Sunday in August. TTE diVincenzo asked if the Beach would benefit from a screened in pavilion, due to the only closed space being the arena. Michelle replied that they still waiting to get their kayak building and had received a grant for a large tent that was incredibly useful, but states the beach could definitely benefit. The board commended Michelle on the hard work she put in last year during the pandemic and the work she continues to put into the beach.

**Mayor:** Tim states that Joe Liotta is starting the Village Green Concert series back up this summer. Joe was going to rope off a specific area for concert goers that he would be liable for, but the Village is liable for all other spectators outside of the roped area. Nancy replied that this will be a moot point due to mask restrictions lifting for vaccinated individuals starting May 19<sup>th</sup>. Tim would like to extend this area to include the whole park. OIC Wells also stated that there is nothing police can do about individuals outside without masks on. TTE Nezezon states that the Village does not make any money off of this, and that keeping the perimeter of Joe's original area would be fine. Work has been done to open up the fountain for the summer season.

**Trustees:** TTE Tebo asked if the Village could look into painting solid yellow lines down Spring Street/Ridge Street. Dan McGregor stated that he would look into it. TTE Webster asked if the board would schedule a work shop to discuss the changes in water/sewer rates. A workshop was scheduled in two weeks (6/8), and the public hearing scheduled for 5:30 June 15<sup>th</sup> before the regular board meeting. TTE Nezezon asked about the new website and Nancy replied that she spoke to Chad before the meeting and he was working on transferring the old emails to the new server but will have the website with up to date minutes posted by Friday.

**Action Items:**

1. Motion to approve half payment (\$5,000) of side-by-side and skid unit from Norfolk PD if equipment is suitable; Webster/Nezezon Ayes 4.
2. Motion to send out bid for new trash services to the newspapers; Nezezon/Tebo Ayes 4.

**FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Grant Writer review of resumes- TTE Nezezon and TTE Tebo will interview applicants and asked Nancy to set up a meeting with the two local applicants.
2. Trash Bid
3. FD Equipment/ Side by side w/ trailer and skid unit from Norfolk FD (10K).
4. LED lighting

**Exe Session:**

Motion to adjourn Nezezon/diVincenzo, Ayes 4 Nays 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.